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EPA Actions Protect the Public from **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** Asbestos

The use of asbestos has dramatically declined since its peak in the 1970s.

Today there are few remaining asbestos-containing products and asbestos is no longer mined in the United States.

There are three key actions EPA has taken or is actively working on that address asbestos-containing products.

1) 1989 Partial Ban

- An EPA rule under the Toxic Substances Control Act banned the manufacture, import, processing and distribution of five broad categories of asbestos-containing products and any new products used for the first time after August 1989. These product categories include: asbestos-containing flooring-felt, rollboard, and commercial, corrugated and specialty papers.

2) 2019 Asbestos Significant New Use Rule

- The final rule prohibits previously unregulated but no longer used unregulated asbestos products from being reintroduced into the United States marketplace without EPA review and evaluation.

3) 2019-2020 Risk Evaluation of Asbestos Products

- A process required by law to evaluate whether current asbestos products or new uses of asbestos present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. This process must be completed before EPA is able to restrict use or ban any of those products.

EPA also has a wide range of guidance and tools available online to help homeowners, schools, building managers, and remediation professionals safely manage, clean-up and dispose of asbestos-containing products.

Together EPA's actions are ensuring that public health is protected as the use of asbestos in the United States continues to decline.

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